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FEDERAL CONTROL OVER YELLOW FEVER.

Almost without dissent the people of the Gulf States have welcomed the intervention of President Roosevelt and the assumption of control of quarantine by the Federal Government in the present epidemic of yellow fever. The reason for this acquiescence in what a sensitive South still feels is almost an invasion of states' rights, is the general knowledge and experience that two or three thousand boards of health, each careful of its own dignity and intolerant of others are of no avail in fighting a disease which spreads so fatally as yellow fever.

In the first place the fever broke out in widely separated spots. Mississippi and Louisiana found themselves looking askance at each other as hotbeds of the plague. Governor Vardaman of Mississippi ordered a quarantine enforced against Louisiana; Governor Blanchard hotly retaliated. Only the thickening harvest of death calmed their anger.

Then Mayor Behrman of New Orleans joined Governor Blanchard in asking for Federal assistance. President Roosevelt instantly responded by ordering Surgeon-General Walter Wyman, of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, to take charge. He was instructed to brook no interference from any quarter.

Now that Federal quarantine has become fully operative, the Southern press, in commending the President for his prompt action, call attention to the lack of panic among the citizens of the afflicted localities. They point with sarcastic finger to the endless petty quarrels of the multitudinous boards of health and remark that there was but one remedy. It was taken not in terror, but in cool calculation.

Naturally the factions resulting from the first broils are not wholly silenced. Some ardent states' rights journals, necessarily admitting the efficiency of the government's acts and regretting the disorganization which rendered it necessary, give voice to fears that this may prove once more the entering wedge to infringement of a state's control of its local affairs. Confessing the government's right to the supervision of traffic on all waterways, these protesters assert once more the right of every state to manage its internal affairs to suit itself.

The President takes his authority from the quarantine law, which provides for the establishment of quarantine rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Secretary of the Treasury and to be enforced by the sanitary authorities of states and municipalities. If they refuse or fail to perform them "the President shall execute and enforce the same and adopt such measures as in his judgment shall be necessary to prevent the introduction or spread of such diseases, and may detail or appoint officers for that purpose."

AN AUTOMOBILE CLUB.

The turnout of automobiles at the first polo game was an indication of the hold the pastime of motoring has on the general public. It is a hold that is ever growing stronger.

It would seem that an automobile club should be organized in Honolulu on lines governing similar clubs existing today in many of the mainland cities.

Such a club, besides benefiting the sport and recreation of automobilists, would be of advantage to the community in a number of ways. The projected floral parade, for instance, could be carried out under the auspices of the club and much better results be achieved than were the festival managed entirely by business men on purely business principles. Then again the work such a club could do in the cause of good roads would be practically unlimited.

Today, strange as it may seem, the two most popular roads for automobilists in Honolulu are in the worst condition of any in town.

The road to Moanalua is a succession of bumps, thumps and dumps. The Waikiki Road below Lewers street is in an abominable state of neglect, which takes all the pleasure out of a trip over it in an automobile.

Elsewhere automobile clubs are a power for good in the keeping of roads in good order. There is no reason why such an organization established here should not bring about that desirable state of road repair which the proper authorities have, in the past, signally failed to do.

An automobile club would immediately compile a roster of every machine owned in the Territory, divided into classes consisting of runabouts, convertible tonneaus, tonneaus, light touring cars and heavy touring cars. This would help along the floral parade scheme surprisingly.

Runs to Waialua and round the island might be organized by such a club, prize flags or trophies of a more valuable nature being given to those who finish in the first flight.

An automobile club could not fail to do the best kind of promotion work. One can not be organized here too soon.

EFFECTS OF THE TREATY.

It is supposed that the Japanese ministry will go out of office as the result of the peace treaty which was signed yesterday. The Japanese accept the published terms at face value and their disappointment over the apparent failure to exact money from the beaten Russians is clear. There is nobody to take revenge upon but the ministry, as the emperor is above reproach, hence the probability of a parliamentary emeute. Even the great Ito suffered in public opinion and in parliamentary support when, ten years ago, he yielded up the chief fruits of the war with China at the threat of Russia, Germany and France.

It is the fault of a popular body like the Japanese Diet or the American Congress that it often acts in serious international matters without full data. Diplomats must keep some secrets even from co-ordinate public officers and it is fairly suspected that the terms with Russia are much more satisfactory to Japanese ideals than the law-makers and the people know. Suppose Russia agreed to pay an indemnity in case the world should hear nothing about it? Suppose the offensive and defensive alliance with Great Britain—a thing of inestimable value to Japan—had been proffered by England as an exchange for the indemnity by insisting upon which Japan would merely prolong the war? Surely something must have happened to make the Japanese negotiators and the government at home so complaisant over a result which looks, on the face, like a Japanese diplomatic failure. But whatever it is it is a secret, in maintaining which the ministers of the crown may be vicariously sacrificed.

During the past year-and-a-half libel suits to the amount of \$21,000,000 are said to have been entered against the San Francisco Bulletin. In number they are about fifty. Many of them were brought by the Schmitz administration.

Talk of East Indian coolies for plantation labor is a very old story in Hawaii. It is probably as bootless a scheme to consider now as it was a score and more years ago.

The present crusade against mosquitoes is a languid affair both on the part of the householders and the Board of Health.

Sunday baseball is a luxury which Honolulu can afford to go without.

RAISING AND FLOATING SUNKEN RUSSIAN WARSHIPS

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Bayan, the Hochi reports that her fires have been already lit and that she is now undergoing trials. On the other hand, it has been decided that the torpedo-depot ship Amur, which lies at the entrance of the Port Arthur dock, can not be raised. Consequently the important parts will be removed and the hull broken up. The pumping out of the cruiser Pallada (6731 tons) commenced on the 11th ult., and at 6:25 a. m. on the 12th she was refloated. Admiral Togo's report, dated the 18th of December, 1904, described the Pallada as lying on her bottom with a list of some 5 deg., her head pointing S. W. 1-2 S. At low water her stern deck was above water, and, speaking generally, her condition was the same as that of the Peresviet. But recent reports re-

presented the Pallada as the most seriously injured of all the Russian vessels, and it was not expected that she would be floated so soon. Thus far the Russian warships raised or captured are as follows:

	Tons.
Peresviet (battleship)	12,674
Poltava (battleship)	10,960
Bayan (cruiser)	7,725
Variag (cruiser)	6,500
Pallada (cruiser)	6,731
Orel (battleship)	13,516
Nicolai (battleship)	9,700
Seniavine	4,128
Apraxin	4,128
	76,059

There remain the Retvizan (battleship) of 12,902 tons and the Pobieda (battleship) 12,674 tons. If these two be successfully raised, the total added to the Japanese navy will be 6 battleships and 5 cruisers, aggregating 101,635 tons.

BUFFALO BILL HAS HIS TOMB READY

CODY, Wyo., Aug. 13.—Out on the Wonderland trail, in one of the loneliest spots, Buffalo Bill has built for himself a tomb, in which he will be buried. It is on the apex of Rattlesnake mountain, and is almost inaccessible except to the experienced mountain climber. Cody has made provision in his will for the expenses necessary to remove his body to the mountain, no matter in what country of the globe he shall die. Cody has lived long enough to see another of his dreams realized—the opening of his long-talked-of Cody Trail Through Wonderland, the "trail" being a new route to the Yellowstone National Park, a "trail" passing through what the famous scout and Indian fighter says is the finest 100 miles of scenery in the world.

SEES DREAM REALIZED.

It has been the dream of the last forty years of Col. Cody's life to establish a road running into the Yellowstone National Park from the east and passing through the famous Yellowstone forest reservation, where Col. Cody, as well as others who have passed over the route, say can be found sights and scenes superior to even the national park, which adjoins the reserve on the west, and which the "Cody Trail to Wonderland" leads.

Col. Cody years ago laid out the route which he wanted to see. He didn't have the assistance of an engineer in doing so, because it was not his object to make a short line or to avoid difficulties. The first object of the "trail" was to pass through the best scenery, and it didn't make much difference how much out of the way of air line the trail went.

ORIGINATES AT HIS OWN TOWN. Eventually it would end at the Lake Hotel, in the Yellowstone National Park, and its originating point was on the Shoshone river in the Big Horn basin, where later the Colonel located his home, and the town of Cody.

It is out of the "trail" that Col. Cody has established his two hunting lodges, Wapiti Wickiup and Pahaska Teepee. The first takes its name from the Wapiti branch of the Shoshone river, on which it is located, while the second is named directly for Buffalo Bill—Pahaska Teepee meaning "the home of the long-haired man" (Long Hair is an Indian name for Col. Cody).

IDEAL MOUNTAIN HOME.

"White Beaver" Powell, Col. Cody's foster brother, says this about Pahaska Teepee: "The teepee is in the heart of the big game country of the Rocky mountains. Purest water from mountain springs and melting snows are filled with rainbow salmon, mountain and brook trout, and on every side huge mountains tower thousands of feet into the air. Some of those mountains are capped with snow all the year round."

The Pahaska Teepee is the largest log cabin in the world and will accommodate something like 100 persons. Wapiti Wickiup, twenty-five miles nearer civilization than the teepee, will take care of 50 persons.

IS A ROMANTIC TRAIL.

The road from Cody to the Yellowstone skirts mountains and rivers, dark ravines and appalling precipices. At one time half up the side of the mountain it goes; at another it winds its way along the bottom of some black canyon through which a mountain stream roars and plunges. Through the Rattlesnake canyon of the Shoshone it has been found necessary to even cut several short tunnels, so difficult has the work been.

We are now showing our Fall arrival of

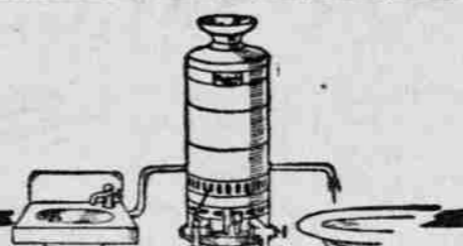
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